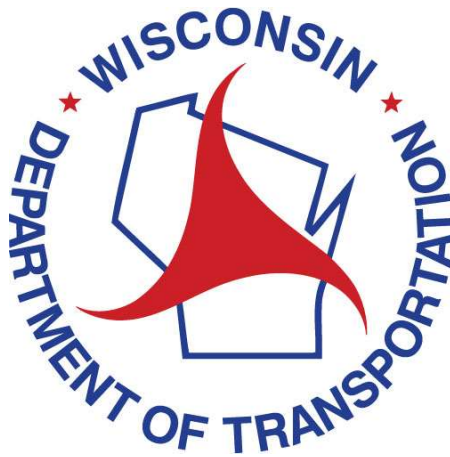


Public Involvement Handout

WIS 125
Town of Grand Chute, College Avenue
I-41 – Bluemound Drive
Outagamie County

Project ID: 6526-00-00/71



February 2023

Please see the construction project website for detailed scope, schedule and traffic impacts at
<https://projects.511wi.gov/wis125db/>

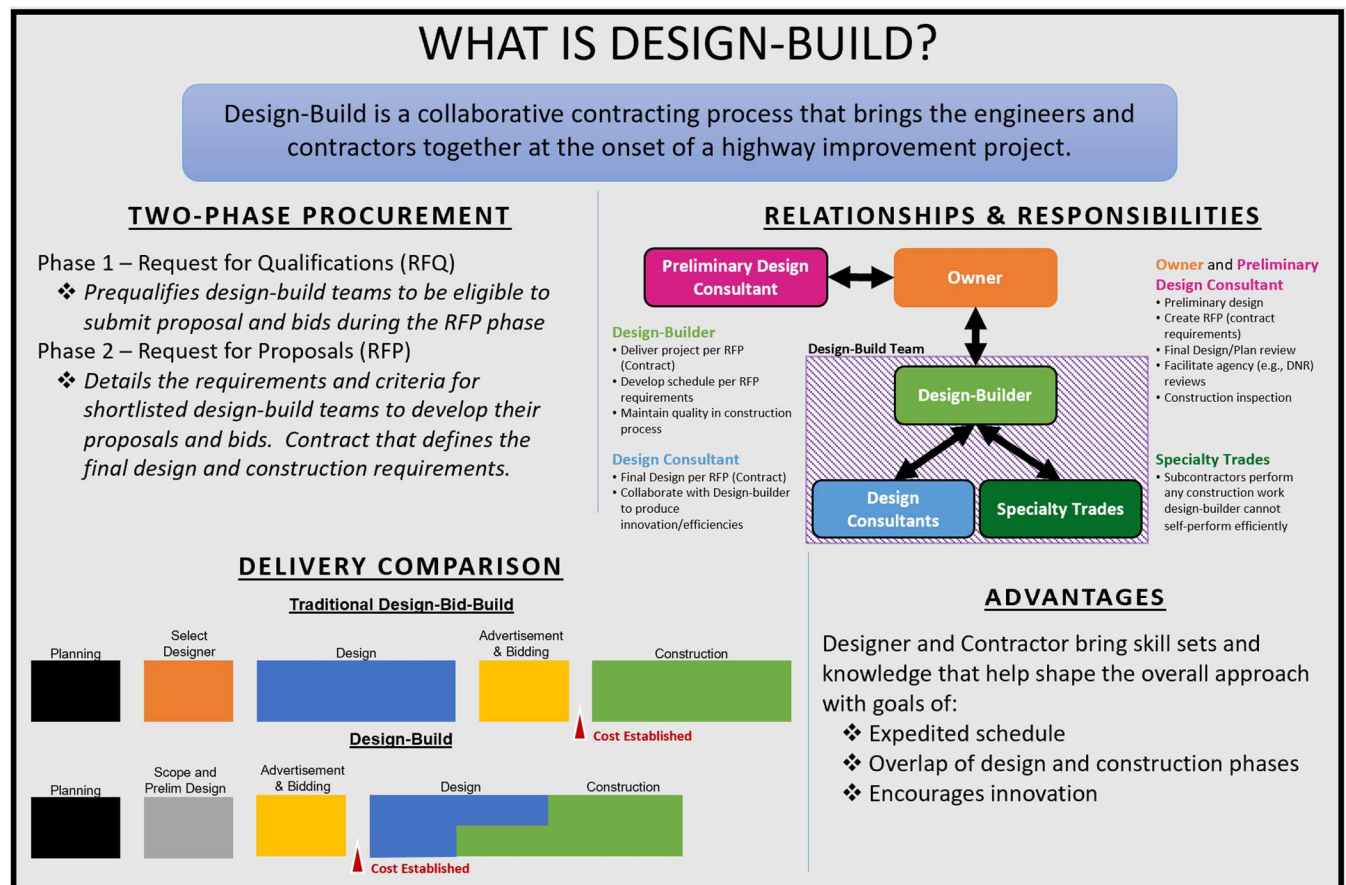
Thank you for your interest in this project. We look forward to your feedback.

Purpose of meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) would like to discuss the Design-Build structure replacement project on WIS 125, College Avenue, from I-41 to Bluemound Drive, in the town of Grand Chute in Outagamie County. Members of the project team are available to address your questions and concerns regarding the project. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update about the proposed improvements, construction schedule and traffic impacts. You are encouraged to view the exhibits and comment on the proposed improvements.

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community and are welcomed and appreciated throughout the design process. Included at the end of this handout, as well as on the project website, is a comment form that may be used for written comments regarding the proposed improvements. You are encouraged to fill out this form and return using the pre-paid mailer attached. Comments may also be submitted via email or phone to any of the contacts listed below. We appreciate your input and would like any comments returned by March 14, 2023, so that we can consider them in our design.



Project location



Project purpose and need

This project is a structure replacement improvement project that will replace the existing multi-cell box culvert over Mud Creek just east of the I-41 northbound ramps with a new bridge structure. The existing structure was originally constructed in 1953, with its last rehabilitation occurring in 1970. The structure has significant cracking in the ceiling and walls and its walls have begun to bow causing safety concerns.

Anticipated benefits

Replacing the box culvert with a new bridge structure will help ensure adequate drainage needs are met and that a structurally sound improvement is constructed, reducing future maintenance costs saving taxpayer dollars in the future. Closing WIS 125 between the I-41 northbound exit and entrance ramps to Westhill Blvd. to construct the box culvert in 3 months will limit the inconvenience to the traveling public and local businesses.

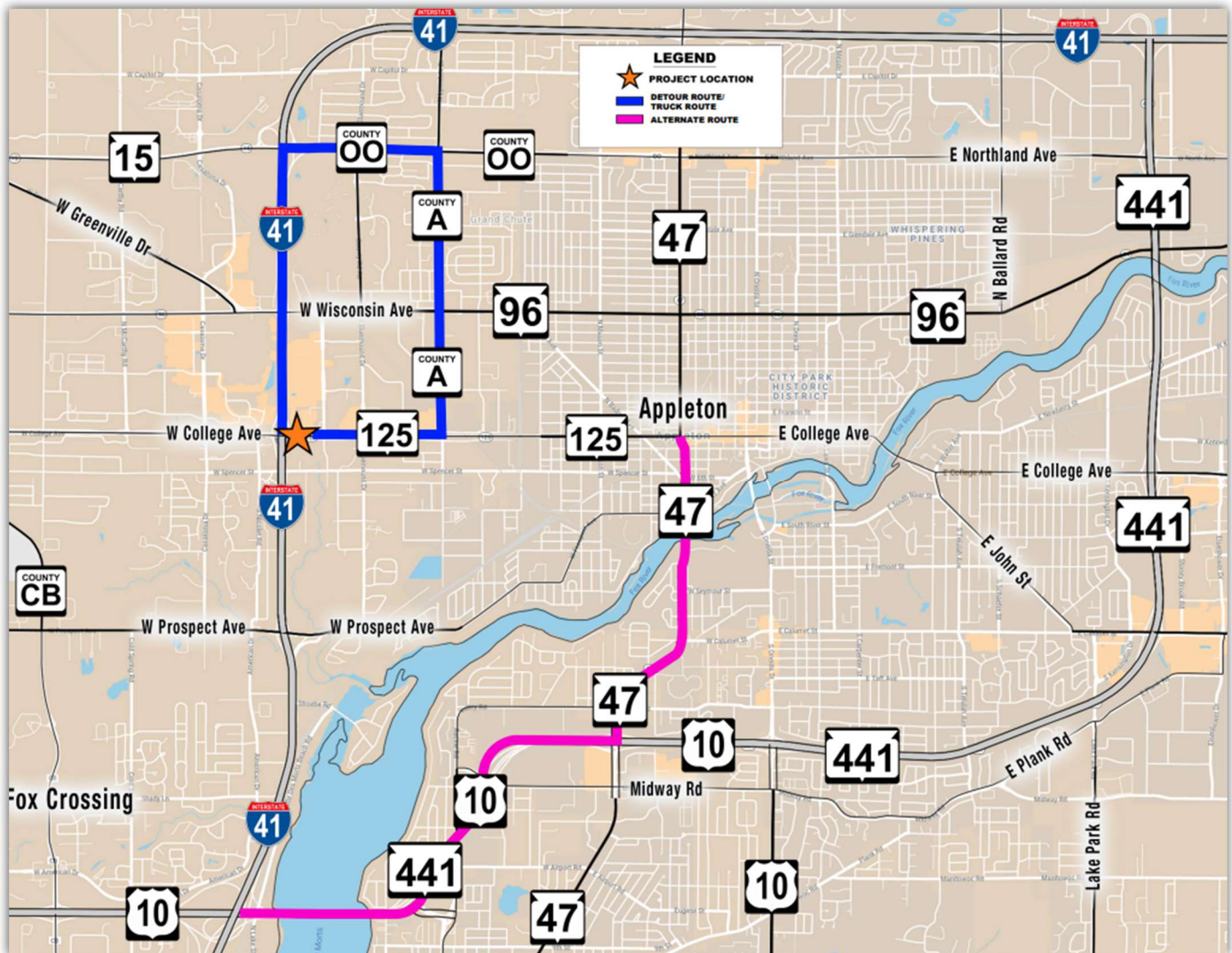
Proposed improvements

Proposed improvements include a replacement of the existing box culvert (structure B-44-0010) on WIS 125 over Mud Creek with a new bridge structure. The existing pavement, curb and gutter, storm sewer and beam guard within the structure footprint will also be impacted as a result of this project.

Traffic impacts

WIS 125 is proposed to be closed during construction from northbound I-41, College Avenue exit and entrance ramps to North Westhill Boulevard starting in August 2023. Construction is anticipated to be completed in 3 months. A detour and alternate route will be posted for this project and will be signed as follows:

- Alternate route – I-41 northbound traffic coming from south of Appleton will be directed to WIS 441 northbound to WIS 47 northbound with the alternate route ending at the 47/125 intersection in downtown Appleton
- Detour/truck route– The detour will utilize County A (Lynndale Drive) to County OO (Northland Avenue) to I-41, back to WIS 125 (College Ave)



Local road improvements are anticipated on West Spencer Street to accommodate traffic that will likely divert around the work zone using local roads that are not identified as a detour route. Temporary signals will be installed at the West Spencer Street and Nicolet Road intersection. Turn lane improvements will be provided at the Kools Street and West Spencer Street intersection.

Schedule

- Public/Business Involvement Outreach – Spring/Summer 2021
- Environmental document – December 2021
- Right-of-way plat – December 2021
- Real estate acquisition – Summer 2022
- Local officials meeting/Public involvement meeting – February 2023
- Tree clearing and netting on bridge – February 2023
- Complete design study report – April 2023
- Final roadway plans – July 2023
- Construction project meeting – Summer 2023

Real estate

Real estate impacts in the area surrounding the replaced structure as well as at the intersections of S. Kools Street/W. Spencer Street and Nicolet Drive/W. Spencer Street in the form of FEE and temporary limited easements (TLE) are required for construction purposes. Real estate acquisition was completed in summer 2022.

Business Resource: WisDOT's In This Together program

WisDOT recognizes businesses located in work zones or impacted by detour routes have special needs. WisDOT's In This Together program is offered to business, organizations and community leaders as an idea source as they plan for road construction in their area. It includes promotional examples, case studies and a specially designed Business Coordination Guide with information on:

- Planning ahead
- Staying informed
- Keeping customers informed
- Tips for businesses

WisDOT's In This Together website is located at www.wisconsindot.gov/Together



Public input/comments

Please submit comments to WisDOT using one of the following methods so that we receive them by the comment date to be consider during design.

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document and mail to WisDOT.
2. Email comments or questions to the contact listed below.
3. Call the contact below.

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WisDOT Highway Project Public Comment Form

Project ID 6526-00-00
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Please place this form in the comment box or mail by March 14, 2023, to the address on the back of this sheet. Comments can also be e-mailed to jesse.hansen@dot.wi.gov. Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Please Print Comments (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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The information in this document including names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and signatures is not confidential, and may be subject to disclosure upon request, pursuant to the requirements of the Wisconsin open records law, sections 19.31 - 19.39 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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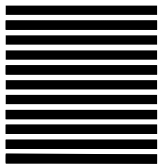
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